RTI Prototype Release 0.3

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Refer to the AMG 7 RTI presentation

- Objectives of the RTI effort
- The Management Team
- Key factors driving the RTI release schedule



Protofederation support

- 0.3 scheduled availability is 1 May 96
 For FTP retrieval talk to Tom Stark for details <mailto: tstark@msis.dmso.mil>
- Please use the SAIC Support Group at DMSO
- Please use the RTI help mailing list to discuss issues and implementation details and/or problems
 To use: <mailto:rti_help@msis.dmso.mil> after subscribing via <mailto: listserv@msis.dmso.mil>



RTI prototype, Release 0.3 Major changes from Release 0.2

- Adds Time Management
- Adds minimum rate variant of best effort transportation
- Throughput performance improved (~3X)



Programming Models

- We asked: What is your programming model?
 - Process/thread structure for your application
- POSIX model vs. platform specific model?
- We heard:
 - We are/aren't planning POSIX compliance
 - We wanted to know if a POSIX process/thread model was an acceptable model
 - Single process/thread
 - Multiple processes/multiple threads
 - Want to use CORBA, or another model to explore distributing simulation objects across machines
- Summary:
 - Eventually the RTI will need to be flexible in its architecture to support multiple programming models

Details of the 0.3 release

- Time Management
- Test Federate Improvements
- Communication Changes
- Throughput Improvements



Time Management

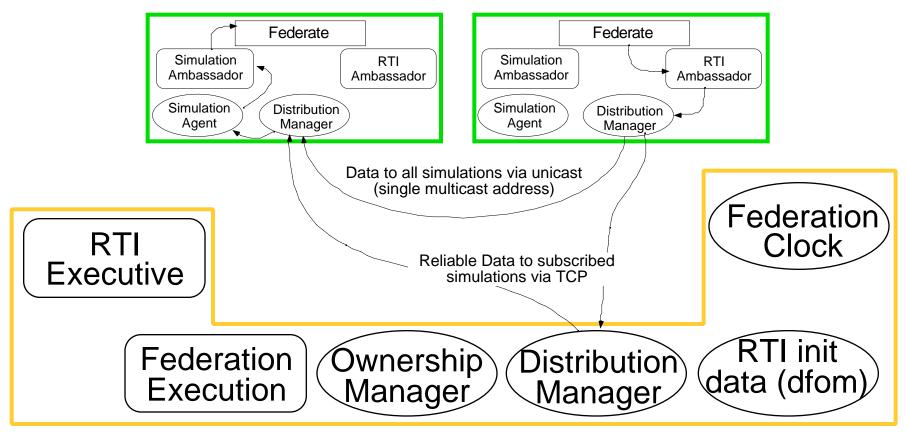
- RTI 0.3 supports First-In-First-Out (FIFO previously known as receive) and Timestamp (TS) ordering
- Lookahead is specified on a per-federate basis
- Support services have been added to the RTI Ambassador interface to control time management operations
 - Set TS Generation (True or False) Informs the RTI that the federation will/will not produce TS events and its local time should be/should not be considered when advancing other federates that receive TS events
 - Set TS Reception (True or False) Informs the RTI that the federate should/should not have the advance of its time controlled in a way that facilitates proper TS event reception

Time Management Services in Release 0.3

- Initialize Federate Time and Rate
- Time Advance Request
- Next Event Request
- Time Advance Grant†
- Request Federate Time
- Request Federation Rate
- Request Lookahead

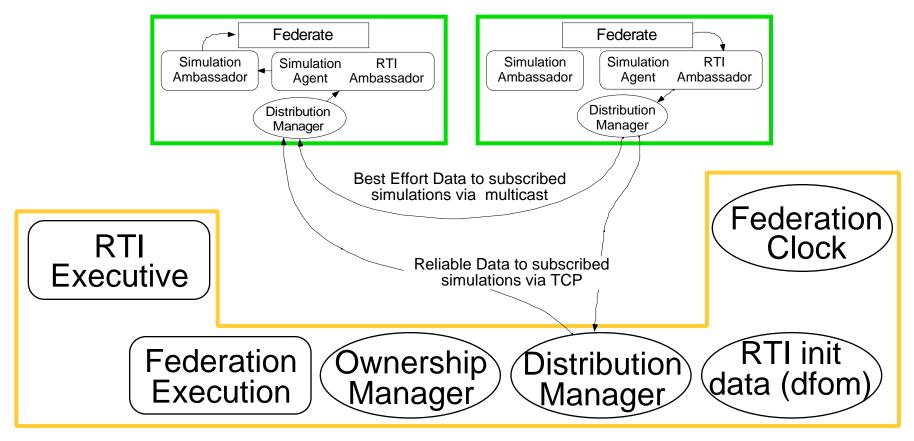


Update Attribute Value in Release 0.2





Update Attribute Value in Release 0.3





Test Federate Changes

- Updated to call new services
- Modified to use changed parameters for existing services
- Round trip timing test extended to include
 - One sender to one receiver
 - One sender to multiple receivers



Communication Changes

- Added minimum rate
 - A data consistency mechanism
- Ordering and Transport specification
 - RID specified defaults
 - Set Order Type
 - Set Transport Type
 - Transport parameter to Update Attribute Value etc. was removed
- See the IDL changes document for details in the interface



Throughput improvements

- Required some IDL changes
- On average, ~3X over 0.2
 - Your mileage may vary
- Initial improvements, more for 0.4

